

Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities Minutes of September 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Keith Willette at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A. Loretta Henry motioned to not hold an October Commission meeting due to commitments by some committee members to attend the special Town Meeting on October 11, 2005. The motion was seconded by Keith Willette. Ms. Henry also motioned to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2005 meeting and was seconded by Moira Miller.

Members in Attendance

Keith Willette - Chair

Barbara Smith - Secretary

Loretta Henry - Senior Center Liason

Moira Miller - Commission Member and Town Meeting Member

Members Excused from Attendance

Jerry Berrier - Communication and Web Site Liason

Guests

Dana Frazao, SPAC-TV

Town Liason Report

Keith Willette had spoken to Dan Morgado, Town Manager and reported that there were two projects at town hall that are going to be completed by the end of the year and they were the automated power doors and lowering of counters in certain departments. These expenses will be covered by the \$18,000 the commission has remaining from the Nault Study. The crosswalk issues are being taken over from the State.

Member Discussions

The Commission previewed the Disability Awareness video presented by Dana Frazao from SPAC-TV. The Committee unanimously approved the final video presentation. Ms. Henry motioned to purchase a TV/VCR unit (not to exceed \$200.00) to run the video in local businesses and Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Willette also suggested that Ms. Frazao also make a DVD for locations that had a DVD player. The video will also be shown on SPAC-TV.

Phone Log

Ms. Henry reported that a new Shrewsbury resident had a concern for the entrance to the Maple Avenue Post Office in Shrewsbury not being handicapped accessible. Mr. Willette had discussed this issue with Dan Morgado. Mr. Morgado stated that this was a federal building and needed to be brought to the Postmasters attention. Moira Miller and Loretta Henry will be drafting a letter and present it at the next Commission meeting.

Member Discussion

Keith Willette had received the newsletter Focal Point in the mail that is distributed from the Center for Living and Working. Mr. Willette stated that it contained pertinent information about upcoming events and vendors that would benefit the disability community. Loretta Henry stated that she received this newsletter and can pass the information onto the Committee, which then could be posted on the Town Website via Jackie Pratt.

Bills

None

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room A at Town Hall.

Loretta Henry motioned to adjourn at 7:30 pm and Moira Miller seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted by
Barbara Smith